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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q81988

Akihiro SHIMADA

Appln. No.: 10/500,572

Group Art Unit: 2834

Confirmation No.: 5252

Examiner: Hanh N. NGUYEN

Filed: July 1, 2004

For: MAGNETIC BEARING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement entered by the Examiner on June 16, 2006, Applicants wish to respond by electing Species I, (Figs. 1-5C). The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-5.

Applicants reserve the right to present divisional applications directed to other species at an appropriate time.

In view of the foregoing, prompt and favorable action on the merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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